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To Carol Hanlon:

The San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace is an environmental organization on the Central Coast of California. This group has been the legal intervenor in cases involving Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant since 1973. The members and supporters of this organization are adamantly opposed to the consideration of Yucca Mountain as a repository for this country's high level radioactive waste. The site is clearly geologically inappropriate and inadequate, and the concept of transporting these lethal materials through multitudes of neighborhoods is reckless and irresponsible. The Mothers for Peace asserts that the only responsible and moral "solution" to the waste dilemma is to cease its production.

Additionally, the Mothers for peace is appalled by both the brevity of the comment period and the single location of the hearings for the Yucca Mountain site recommendations. The decisions made regarding the Yucca Mountain site impacts the residents of California because of the two nuclear power plants in the State and the issues surrounding transportation of high level radioactive waste through its communities. Yet, the people of San Luis Obispo County have been given neither adequate time to review site recommendations, nor opportunity to attend a local hearing. Therefore, the Mothers for Peace requests that the Department of Energy:

1. substantially extend the comment period
2. hold a public hearing in San Luis Obispo County

Sincerely,



Jill ZamEk, Spokesperson
San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace

cc: Governor Davis, Senators Reid, Boxer and Feinstein, U.S. Representative Capps,
California Coastal Commissioner Nava, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Pinard